CLAIMS

1.   A method of enabling a wireless information device to automatically modify its behaviour, comprising the steps of:

        (a)   an end-user entering time sensitive information into a first application running on the device;

        (b).   a second application running on the device receiving data directly or indirectly from the first application, the data relating to the time sensitive information, and the second application then automatically·changing the behaviour of the device appropriately in dependence on the data.

2.   The method of Claim 1 in which the first application is a calendar or agenda application and the time sensitive information is an entry into the calendar or agenda application.

3.   The method of Claim 2 in which the end-user selects from a menu list a label to apply to the entry, the label defining the type of behaviour change to be carried out by the second application.

4.   The method of Claim 1 in which the first application is an alarm application and the time sensitive information is defining an alarm time.

5.   The method of any preceding claim in which the second application is a telephone application that enables telephone functions of the device to be controlled.

6.   The method of any preceding Claim in which the step of changing the behaviour is one of the following:
        (a)   altering a telephone profile
        (b)   altering the device ring tone
        (c)   altering the device user interface
        (d)   switching off telephone functionality
        (e)   switching off the device entirely
        (f)   switching the device to a power save mode

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(g)   switching off one or more items of communications hardware.

7.   The method of any preceding Claim in which the first application sends the data indirectly to the second application via an intermediary server.

8.   The method of any preceding Claim in which, if a conflict arises between the behaviour change due to the data from the first application and a different behaviour change input directly to the first or the second application, then the different behaviour change prevails.

9.   The method of any preceding Claim in which if a conflict arises between the behaviour change due to the data from the first application and a different behaviour change input directly to the first or the second application, then a conflict resolution component determines which behaviour change prevails.

10.   The method of any preceding Claim in which an override component determines if a behaviour change due to the data from the first application is inappropriate and then overrides that behaviour change.

11.   The method of Claim 9 in which the conflict resolution component is the server of Claim 6.

12.   The method of Claim 10 in which the override component is the server of Claim 7.

13.   The method of any preceding Claim in which the second application automatically changes the behaviour of the device appropriately in dependence on the data from the first application for a time period determined by that data.

14.   The method of any preceding Claim in which:
(a)   an end-user enters time sensitive information into the first application running on the device;

(b)   a second application running on a second device receives data directly or indirectly from the first application, the data relating to the time sensitive information, and the second application then automatically changing the behaviour of the second device appropriately in dependence on the data.

15.   A wireless information device programmed to automatically modify its behaviour, the device enabling:

(a)   an end-user to enter time sensitive information into a first application running on the device;

(b)   a second application running on the device to receive data directly or indirectly from the first application, the data relating to the time sensitive information, and the second application then automatically changing the behaviour of the device appropriately in dependence on the data.